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1142- 1100 Battery Ave. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1842-1860

The west side of the 1100 block of Battery Ave. is improved with two distinct groups of houses, all of which, however, were built before the Civil War. At 1134-1142 Battery Ave. and at 1126-1132 Battery Ave. there are groups of three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed brick houses built in the late 1850's. At 1110-1116 and 1118-1124 Battery Ave. there are two groups of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses built by William Webb, a local house carpenter, in 1850. Of this group, 1112 Battery Ave. has since been enlarged to a full three stories in height but still retains its original gable roof. 1106-1108 Battery Ave. is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roof, but no existing roof cornice, built about 1855 with an original gable roof. Finally, at 1100-1104 Battery Ave. there is a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses, built in the early 1840's.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1134-1140 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED(1136)
☒ ALTERED (rest)

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of three story, two bay brick houses with gable roofs was built in the 1850's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Battery Ave. All of the houses had been covered with formstone but 1136 Battery has recently had its formstone removed.

The houses are three stories in height, 13' wide (except for 1140 Battery which is 14' wide), and occupy lots 82' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. 1134 Battery has an extra two story high, one bay deep section, followed by a one story high, one bay deep frame addition. 1136 Battery has an extra one story high, one bay deep modern addition; 1138 Battery has an extra two story high, one bay deep frame section, followed by a one story high, one bay deep frame section; and 1140 Battery has an extra two story high, one bay deep frame addition. The houses are constructed in running bond, but 1134, 1138, and 1140 Battery are covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof has a continuous two-tier brick cornice. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located along both the front and rear roof gables on the north side of the house. Each house also has a rear end chimney located at the west end of the first two bays of the rear addition.

The first and second floor openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums although today the scroll-sawed tympanums remain only at 1140 Battery. The third floor openings have flat lintels. Those at 1136 Battery are new vertical stretcher lintels so it is not possible to judge whether the original third story lintels were flat wood or splayed brick. The exposed sills at 1136 Battery are brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The houses have a mixed array of door types though all have single light transoms. 1134 and 1140 Battery Ave. have Mission-style doors; 1136 Battery has a modern four panel door with two upper lights; and 1138 Battery has a modern flush door. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two brick steps each. Each house has a rectangular basement opening located to the right of the steps.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1856-58

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Henry Middendorf

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is representative of a large group of such three story, gable-roofed houses built in Federal Hill in the 1840's and 1850's to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area--men who had prospered at local trades and small businesses. These houses, however, are not quite as large as similar three story houses built farther to the north in Federal Hill--such as along William St. or Warren Ave.--and probably were intended for a less well-off market than those houses. They are, nevertheless, much larger and more commodious than the usual type of two story plus attic type of house built for a strictly working class clientele.

The houses were built by Henry Middendorf, a grocer, who had a grocery store at 1142 Battery Ave. and later lived in 1138 Battery Ave. Unlike most houses of this type, Middendorf did not sell these houses to individual owners, but instead retained them as rental property, as did his grandchildren, John and Mary Pfaff, when they inherited the houses in 1898.¹

¹ Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 173, Folio 264; RO 1727, Folio 508; Baltimore City Directory, 1860, 1867, 1872, 1880

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14' x 82' (1140); 13'2" x 82' (1134-1138)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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ST.

ST.

AVE.

WILLIAM

DURST

BATTERY

B-3514

E. WEST

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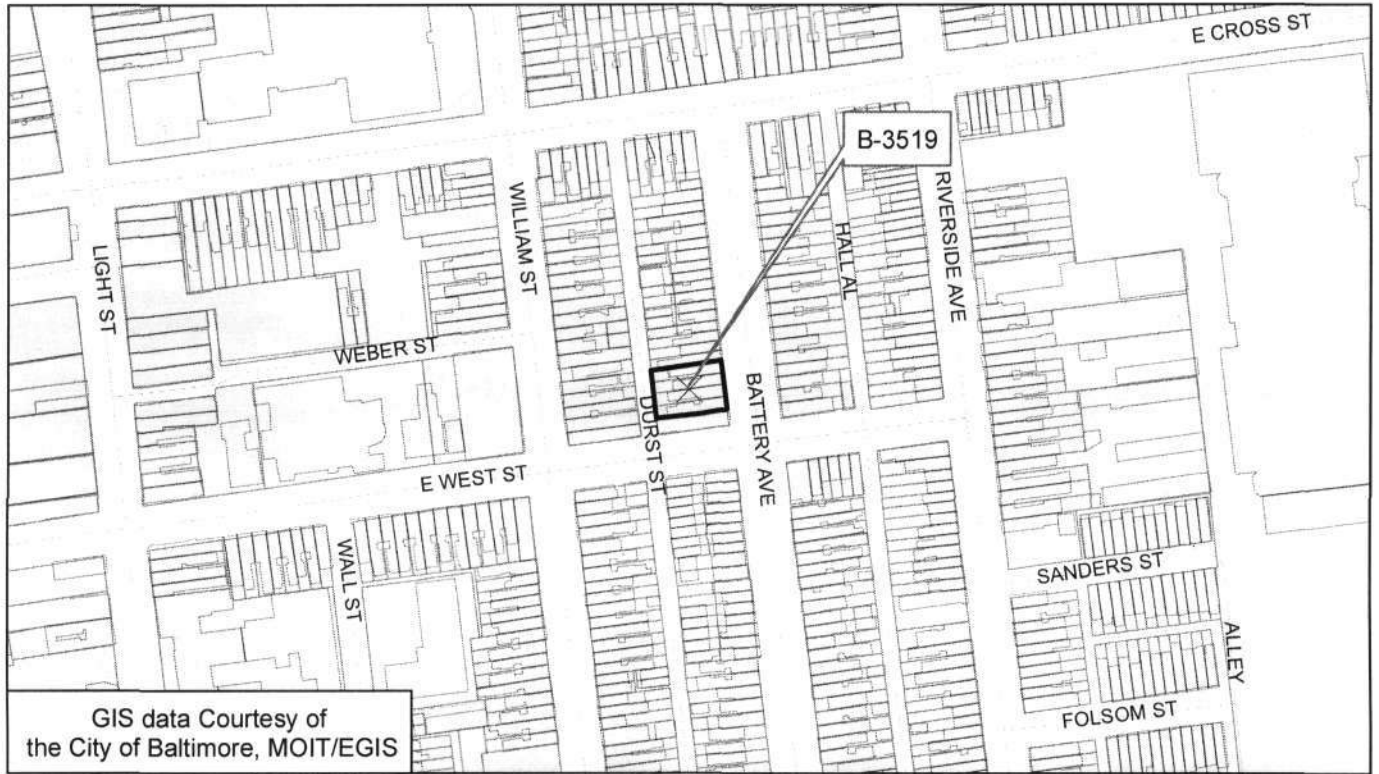
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NOTICE

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1134-1140 Battery Avenue
Block 0952 Lots 005-002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1134-1140 Battery Ave.

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East elevation



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1136-1138 Battery Ave.

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East elevation